

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

As a customer of DIRECTV, I am writing to urge you to deny the pending merger of EchoStar and HUGHES, the parent company of DIRECTV. I believe the merger will just force layoffs and decrease the consumers choice and ultimatly allow an increase of rates..

The merger will deny true competition by offering one company.

Broadband access to the Internet is not available to me at this time nor do I care to pay for it either. I have the choice now the merger would just allow a monopoly in this field and not invite copetitors to try and break into this area's DSL service as the merger would create a Goliath there would be no room for the David's in the world.

I appreciate your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

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